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(b) whether it is a fact that passengers are put to great inconvenience in junction stations with single-side platforms ;

(c) whether it is a fact that eatables sold in railway stations are of very inferior sort, though vended at high rates ;

(d) whether provision cannot be made by which all the lavatories in the carriages are cleaned at every first-class station ; and

(e) whether it is a fact that in many of the stations the issue of tickets does not commence at the scheduled time ?

A.—(a) Yes. The heights of platforms are laid down in the Schedule of Dimensions issued by the Government of India.

(b) & (e) The Government have no information.

(c) The Government are not aware that there is ground for any such general complaint as is suggested by the hon. Member. His attention is however invited to the answer to question No. 12 asked at the Legislative Council meeting, dated 13th July 1920. The question of food supplies on railways will also be considered by a Committee that has been recently appointed to investigate the general question of sanitary administration on railways.

(d) The Committee referred to in the answer to clause (c) will also consider the question of keeping railway passenger cars in a clean and sanitary condition.

Mr. A. T. PALMER :—“ With reference to (e), will the Government be pleased to get the information ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP :—“ No, Sir. I am afraid the Government cannot possibly undertake to do it. It may be possible to consider cases which are brought to notice of the Government.”

*Technical scholarships awarded by the Government.*

632 Q.—MR. A. T. PALMER : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the various technical scholarships given by the Government within the Presidency and outside, the value of each scholarship, the number of years for which each is tenable and the purpose for which each is given ?

A.—A statement furnishing the information asked for is appended.\*

Khan Bahadur SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB :—“ Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state if any of them are Muhammadans ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ It is not possible to make a statement, Sir.”

*Annual report of the Chintaladevi farm.*

633 Q.—MR. A. T. PALMER : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to lay on the table the annual report of the Chintaladevi farm ?

A.—The latest report of the farm is laid on the table.†

\* Vide Appendix B on page 1103 infra.

† Vide Appendix C on page 1103 infra.